

February 1959 (?)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Frank Denny

SUBJECT: Chinese Mainland Publications

At a recent meeting of the USIB Exploitation Committee, there was considerable discussion on the subject of publication support to various Chicom exploitation programs, and the lack of availability of certain Chicom publications which govern to some degree the scope of these programs. The Committee came up with the attached listing of publications, which it considers vital to meet broad requirements of the intelligence community. The titles desired were given to the USIB Procurement Committee, specifically the CIA Library for action. Since the Military Services are represented on both the Committees, their interests are reflected in the military publications cited on the attached listing.

In the course of reviewing the availability of Chicom publications through world-wide sources, the publication procurement activities of the Foreign Collation and Cartographic Branch, Production Division, ACRAPAC, and of the 6004th Air Intelligence Service Squadron were mentioned. It was noted that recent accessions lists issued by them cite titles on the attached listing.

It is requested that efforts be made to acquire copies of these publications, either in the original and/or reproduced forms. These titles are indicated on the attached listing under requirements. It is also requested that the CIA Library be provided with current information on the availability of any of the remaining titles listed.

Normally, requirements of this type would be served on Dr. Bradley, the Geographic Attache at Embassy, Tokyo who also serves as Publications Officer. Dr. Bradley is scheduled to return to Washington on or about 6 March 1959 for home leave, and subsequent return to Tokyo in early June. During his leave, he will be briefed on this problem by us.

Inasmuch as the attached requirements have been developed at the USIB Committee level, it would be appreciated if this request could be handled on a priority basis. The Library has been asked to provide as complete documentation as possible by 15 May 1959, on its efforts to coordinate procurement action.

With kindest regards from all of us.

P.S. It is suggested that any action taken on this request should be strictly overt. We may consider other means later.

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